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SUBJECT: PERUVIAN AMBASSADOR-DESIGNATE TO FRANCE ALBERTO WAGNER DE REYNA

1. SIXTY-THREE YEAR OLD AMBASSADOR WAGNER IS A CAREER DIPLOMAT, PHILOSOPHER AND NOVELIST WHO ENTERED THE PERUVIAN FOREIGN SERVICE IN 1934, REACHED TO RANK OF AMBASSADOR IN 1961, AND HAS SERVED AS SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN RELATIONS (1962) AS WELL AS AMBASSADOR TO THE UN, WEST GERMANY (1969), COLOMBIA, YUGOSLAVIA (1976) AND UNESCO (PARIS) HE WAS PERUS FIRST AMBASSADOR TO THE USSR. DR. WAGNER ALSO SERVED IN BERLIN, RIO DE JANEIRO, LISBON, BERN AND SANTIAGO.

2. BORN IN LIMA (JUNE 7, 1915) OF A GERMAN FATHER AND PERUVIAN MOTHER, WAGNER STUDIED IN THE GERMAN SCHOOL IN LIMA, AND IN SWITZERLAND. HE HOLD A LAW DEGREE FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, A PH.D. FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY IN LIMA, AND A HONORARY DOCTORATE FROM THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF CHILE, AND HAS TAUGHT IN UNIVERSITIES IN PERU, CHILE, SPAIN, ARGENTINA AND MEXICO. IN ADDITION TO SEVERAL WORKS IN PHILOSOPHY, HE HAS WRITTEN HISTORICAL WORKS AND NOVELS.

3. DR. WAGNER'S COLLEAGUES BELIEVE HIM TO BE ONE OF
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PERU'S MOST INTELLIGENT AND EXPERIENCED OFFICERS, AN ASSESSMENT SHARED BY U.S. EMBASSY PERSONNEL WHO HAVE DEALT WITH HIM OVER THE YEARS. IN 1975 HE APPEARED TO ONE OFFICER TO HAVE "AN EXCELLENT GRASP OF BILATERAL AND MULTILATERAL ISSUES OF THE DAY." ALTHOUGH HE SERVED IN IMPORTANT ASSIGNMENTS THROUGHOUT THE VELASCO GOVERNMENT, INCLUDING MOSCOW, WAGNER APPEARED TO BE MORE COMFORTABLE WORKING UNDER

A CIVILIAN REGIME AND DESCRIBED HIMSELF AS "NEITHER PRO-NOR ANTI-COMMUNIST."

4. AMBASSADOR WAGNER IS MARRIED TO THE FORMER VICTORIA GRAU, WHO SPEAKS EXCELLENT FRANCH.

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